

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Atty. Docket No.: MBHB03-465-C (400/142))

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

McSwiggen et al.

Serial No. 10/757,803

Examiner: Amy Hudson Bowman

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Group Art Unit: 1635

Title RNA Interference Mediated
Inhibition of Gene Expression
Using Chemically Modified
Short Interfering Nucleic Acid
(siNA)

Confirmation No.: 5421

**AMENDMENTS, REMARKS
& REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir/Madam:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks made in response to the final Office Action mailed December 21, 2006, as well as the Advisory Actions mailed on March 27, 2007, and May 1, 2007. Also filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the requisite fees. It is believed that no other fee is due in connection with this filing. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the papers submitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of the same, to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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